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Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2005, wherein the Examiner:

- 1. Rejected Claims 1 and 5 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by *Kitajima*, U.S. Patent No. 5,589,939.
- 2. Rejected Claim 2 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Kitajima* in view of Onaka et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,696,859.
- 3. Rejected Claim 3 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Kitajima* in view of Faramazpour et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,652,164.

1959193.01.03 1715333 4. Rejected Claim 4 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over *Kitajima* in view of *Konishi et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,671,002.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.